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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: MFA RESPONDS TO REDUCED APEX FARE NOTE

REF: (A) STATE 256376 (B) PRAGUE 3116

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE DATED DECEMBER 19 FROM  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH REPLIES TO OUR OCTOBER 27  
NOTE ON SO-CALLED "SUPER-APEX" FARES (REFTELS). COPY OF  
MFA NOTE BEING POUCHED TO EB/OA.

2. SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF NOTE (MFA'S "UNOFFICIAL"  
TRANSLATION) FOLLOW: QUOTE:  
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE CZECHO-  
SLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC CONSIDRED THE EMBASSY'S  
COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE REVISIONS OF AVIATION FARE  
TARIFFS AND WISHES TO DRAW THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO  
THE FOLLOWING FACTS: THE MATTER DOES NOT CONCERN THE  
CHANGE OF THE SUPER-APEX TARIFFS TYPE BUT THE CHANGE OF  
THE APEX TYPE, I.E. THE REDUCTION OF THE PRESENT VALID  
TARIFFS BY US\$9.00. THE CZECHOSLOVAK CARRIER-  
CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES - REQUIRED THE FILING OF THE  
CHANGE AFTER THE FILING CARRIED OUT BY THE UNITED  
STATES CARRIER - PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS IN ORDER TO  
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PRESERVE COMPETITIVENESS ON THE ROUTE TO NEW YORK.  
THE CZECHOSLOVAK CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY -  
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION - WAS INFORMED  
BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES THAT THE FILING OF  
THE CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES AND OF THE PAN AMERICAN  
AIRWAYS FROM POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

OF 14 OCTOBER 1977 WAS DISAPPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES CIVIL AVIATION BOARD. THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION NOTED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES DO NOT INSIST ON THEIR PROPOSAL OF A NEW LEVEL OF APEX TARIFFS FILED WITH THE CIVIL AVIATION BOARD ON 14 OCTOBER 1977. THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION WILL DEVOTE ITS MAXIMUM ATTENTION TO A POSSIBLE JOINT PROPOSAL OF BOTH CARRIERS IN CASE THEY PROVE IT DESIRABLE TO CHANGE THE PRESENT APEX TARIFF LEVEL AND THAT THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THEIR JUSTIFIED ECONOMIC INTERESTS AS WELL AS WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC. THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE UNITED STATES CIVIL AVIATION BOARD IN ITS COMMUNICATIONS COULD GIVE THE REASONS OF ITS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PROPOSAL - FILING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: E/C COUNSELOR DISCUSSED MFA NOTE WITH LOCAL PAN AM REP HAY, WHO SAYS THAT REDUCED APEX FARE (HE, LIKE MFA, BALKS AT USAGE OF "SUPER APEX") FOR FRANKFURT-NEW YORK ROUTE WAS APPROVED BY CAB WHEREAS PRAGUE-NEW YORK FARE WAS DISAPPROVED. SINCE FARE REDUCTION FOR FORMER ROUTE IS FOR \$34 AND FOR LATTER, LONGER ROUTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR \$9, HAY SAYS HE SHARES GOC'S PUZZLEMENT AT WHY CAB DISAPPROVED LATTER WHEN FORMER WAS APPROVED. HAY BELIEVES RESULT WILL BE TO WEAKEN PAN AM SALES HERE SINCE LOCAL PASSENGERS NOW HAVE INCENTIVE TO TRAVEL TO FRANKFURT BY TRAIN TO CATCH US-BOUND FLIGHTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWER TO QUESTION POSED BY NOTE (FINAL SENTENCE IN PARA 2 ABOVE) WHICH WE CAN PASS ON TO MFA. BYRNE

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